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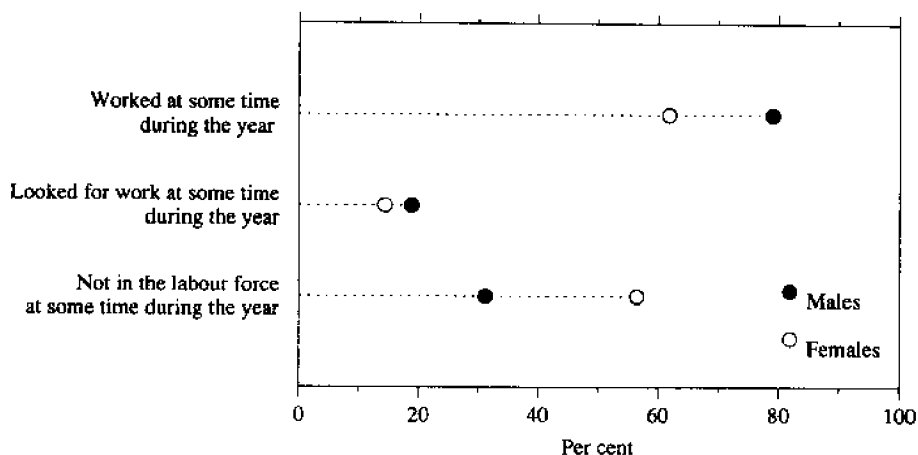
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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

**DIAGRAM 1. ALL PERSONS AGED 15 TO 69: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1994**



Source: Table 3

### Overview

Labour force experience can be described in terms of a person's labour force activities over a twelve month period. "Labour force activities" comprise *working* and *looking for work*, and are measured in numbers of whole weeks spent on each activity.

In March 1994, Australia's civilian population included 12,319,700 persons aged between 15 and 69. Of these persons, during the twelve months ending March 1994—

- 8,686,600 persons (71%) worked at some time during the year.
- 2,041,200 persons (17%) looked for work at some time during the year.
- 5,406,900 persons (44%) were not in the labour force at some time during the year.

Note that these percentages add to more than 100 per cent as it is possible for a person to be in more than one category over the course of a twelve month period (Table 4, Diagram 1).

### Participation in the labour force

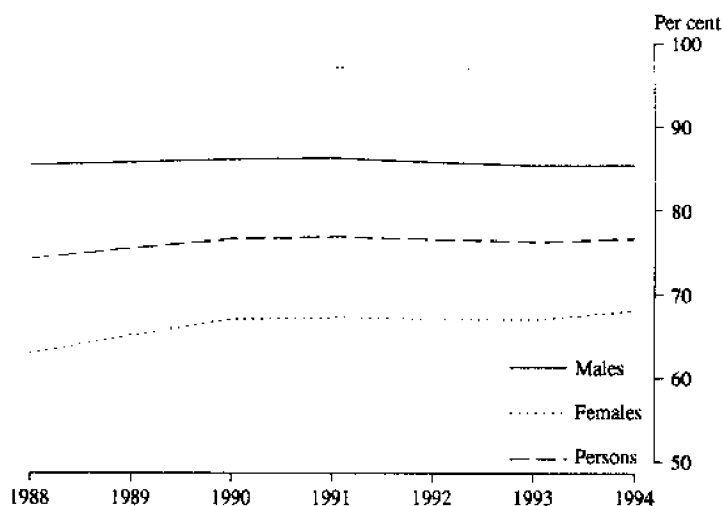
An estimated 9,455,100 persons aged between 15 and 69 years participated in the labour force, that is, worked or looked for work at some time during the twelve months ending March 1994. This comprised 5,266,500 males and 4,188,600 females (Table 4).

Some 77 per cent of persons participated in the labour force for all or part of the year. This proportion varied only marginally in the past five years (Table 2).

The participation rate of males was the same in 1994 as in 1993, at 85 per cent. This proportion was slightly higher, at 86 per cent, for all years between 1988 and 1992.

The participation rate of females increased one percentage point to 68 per cent in 1994, after remaining steady at 67 per cent for four years (Table 1, Diagram 2).

**DIAGRAM 2. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION, 1988 TO 1994**



Source: Table 1

For all age groups between 20 and 54 years participation rates exceed 80 per cent. For females, the 20 to 24 year age group has the highest participation rate (88%) while for males, the participation rate is highest for the 25 to 34 years age group (97%).

Since 1993 the greatest increase in participation rates has been for those aged 15-19. In this age group the participation rate has increased to 72 per cent (71 per cent of males and 73 per cent of females) after lower rates of 69 per cent in 1992 and 68 per cent in 1993. For males aged 65 to 69 there has also been an increase in participation, up three percentage points from the previous year to 22 per cent. However for males aged 35 to 44 the participation rate fell one percentage point to 77 per cent over the same time. For females aged between 35 and 59, the participation rates were relatively unchanged from 1993, but in all other age groups, participation rates for females increased (Table 2).

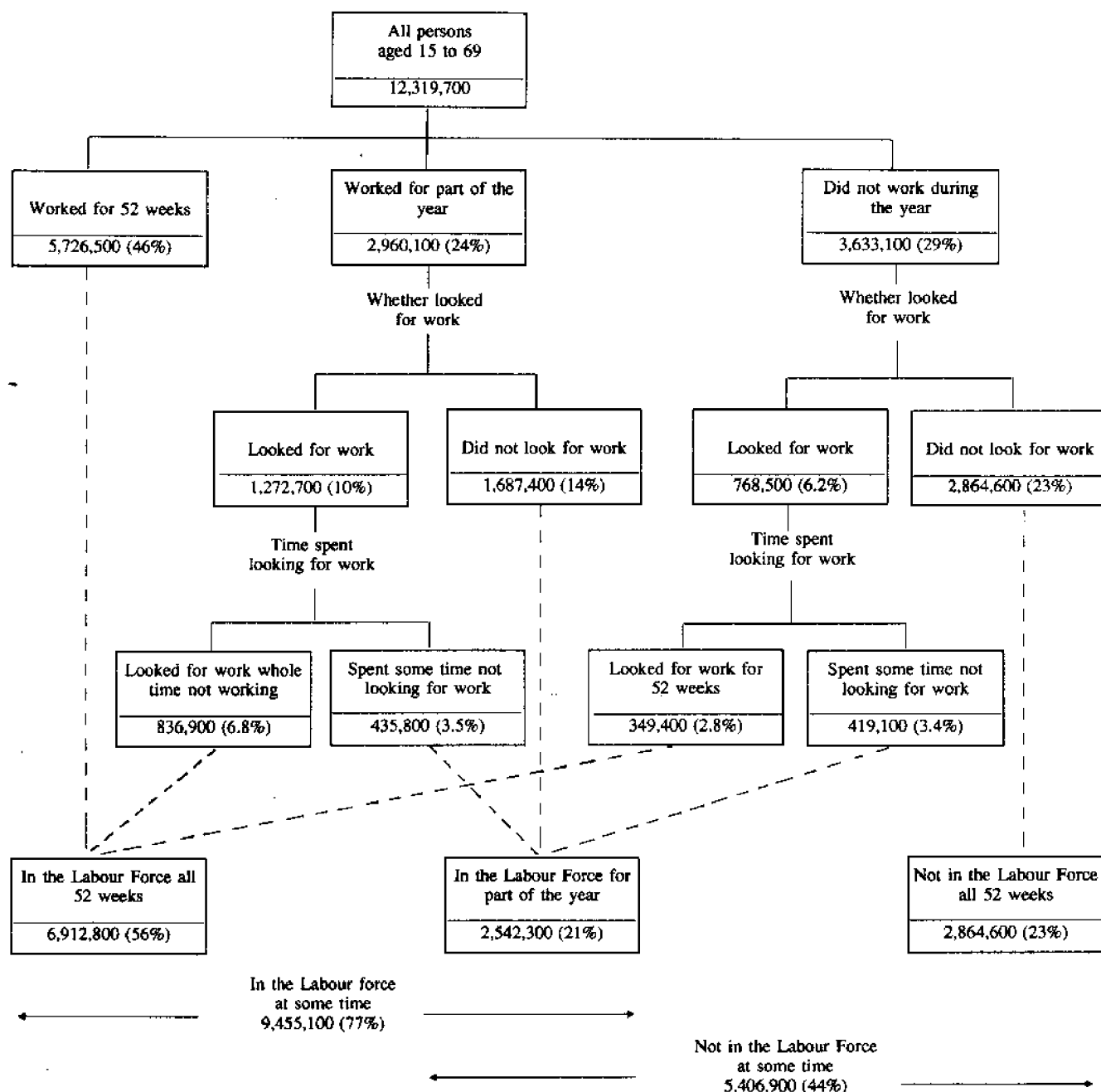
### Labour Force Experience

A more detailed analysis of the labour force experience of persons aged 15 to 69 years, during the year ending March 1994, is given in Diagram 3.

An estimated 6,912,800 persons were in the labour force throughout the year. Of these, 5,726,500 persons worked for all 52 weeks; 349,400 persons looked for work for all 52 weeks, and the remaining 836,900 persons spent the whole year either working or looking for work.

Some 5,406,900 persons were not in the labour force for at least some time during the year. More than half of these persons (2,864,600) were not in the labour force at any time during the year. Of the remaining 2,542,300 persons, 66 per cent had worked for part of the year, but had not looked for work when they were not working.

DIAGRAM 3. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1994





Of the 2,960,100 persons who had worked for less than 52 weeks, 43 per cent had looked for work for at least some time while not working (Tables 4,8,9, Diagram 3).

Persons aged 20 to 54 years were most likely to have spent some time in the labour force. Males aged 20 to 54 years have participation rates between 92 and 97 per cent. For females in this age group participation rates vary between 72 and 88 per cent. Two-thirds of persons in this age group had spent all 52 weeks in the labour force.

Some 8 per cent of persons aged 65 to 69 had spent all 52 weeks in the labour force, while 86 per cent of persons in this age group had not been in the labour force at all during the year. Of those in the 55 to 64 years age group, 49 per cent had not been in the labour force at any time, and 39 per cent had spent all 52 weeks in the labour force (Table 5, Diagram 4).

#### Persons who worked at some time during the year

An estimated 8,686,600 persons worked at some time during the year ending March 1994, comprising 4,879,200 males and 3,807,400 females (Table 4). There has been a decline in the proportion of persons working 'all full-time', from 53 per cent in 1988 to 48 per cent in 1994. This change has been greatest for males, falling from 73 per cent of males in 1988 to 65 per cent in 1994. For females, 34 per cent worked all weeks on a full-time basis in 1988, compared with 31 per cent in 1994 (Table 1).

The proportion of males working at some time during the year decreased from 83 per cent in 1990 to 79 per cent in 1993 and remained at 79 per cent in 1994. The proportion of females working at some time during the year increased from 60 per cent in 1993 to 62 per cent in 1994 (Table 1, Diagram 5).

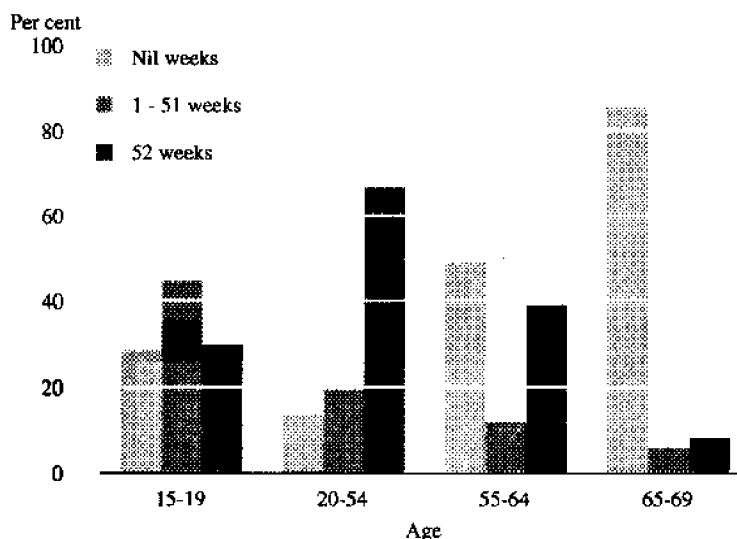
A higher proportion of males who were married had worked at some time during the year (83%), than males who were not married (73%). This difference was evident within all age groups. In contrast, 63 per cent of females who were not married had worked at some time compared with 61 per cent of females who were married. (Table 3).

Of the 8,686,600 persons who had worked at some time during the year ending March 1994—

- 5,726,500 persons (66%) had worked for the full year.
- 71 per cent of male workers had worked for 52 weeks compared with 60 per cent of female workers.
- 82 per cent of male workers had worked all their weeks on a full-time basis compared with 50 per cent of female workers.
- 10 per cent of male workers had worked all their weeks on a part-time basis compared with 39 per cent of female workers (Table 7).

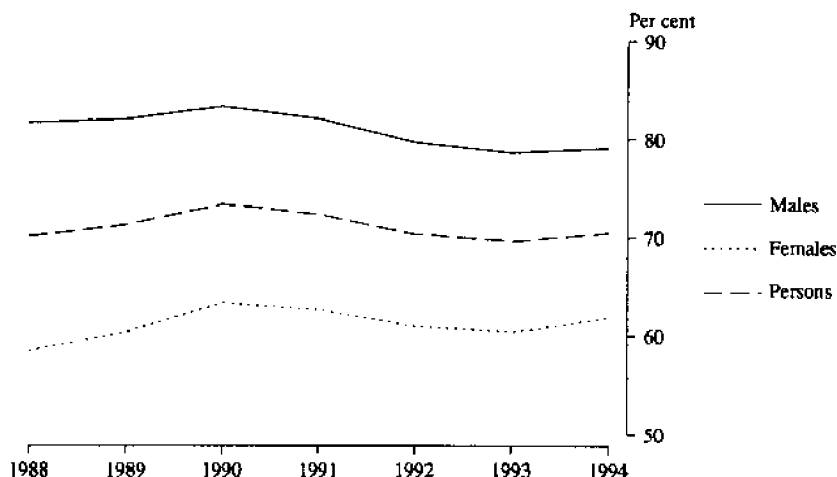
An estimated 4,645,100 persons had worked all 52 weeks, and had worked all weeks on a full-time basis. This comprises 38 per cent of all persons aged between 15 and 69 years.

DIAGRAM 4. ALL PERSONS: TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE BY AGE



Source: Table 5

DIAGRAM 5. PERSONS WHO HAD WORKED AT SOME TIME IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, 1988 TO 1994



Source: Table 1

#### Persons who looked for work at some time during the year

During the year ending March 1994, 2,041,200 persons (1,156,400 males and 884,900 females) looked for work at some time. While the proportion of males who looked for work had been steadily increasing from 13 per cent in 1990 to 20 per cent in 1993, 1994 figures show a drop of one percentage point to 19 per cent. The proportion of females who looked for work at some time during the year ending March 1994 remained unchanged at 14 per cent in 1994 (Table 1 and 4, Diagram 6).

Of the 2,041,200 persons who looked for work during the year ending March 1994—

- 349,400 persons (17%) looked for work for the whole 52 weeks.
- 225,300 males (19%) looked for work for the whole 52 weeks compared with 124,100 females (14%).
- 795,300 persons (39%) looked for work for less than 13 weeks.

- 77 per cent had only one spell of looking for work, with an average duration of 25 weeks (Tables 4 and 8).

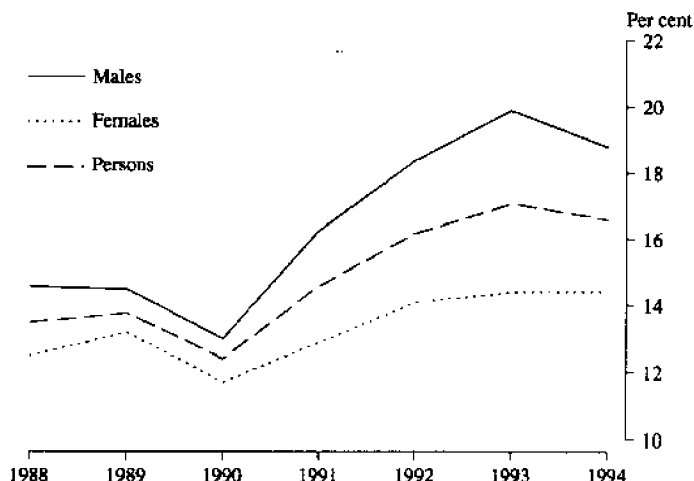
#### Persons not in the labour force at some time during the year

The number of persons not in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1994 was 5,406,900, with 2,864,600 persons (53%) not in the labour force for the whole year.

An estimated 3,482,300 females were not in the labour force at some time. Some 59 per cent of females reported 'home duties/childcare' as their main activity while not in the labour force. A further 16 per cent reported 'attending an educational institution' as their main activity.

In comparison, of the 1,924,600 males not in the labour force at some time, the most common main activities while not in the labour force reported were 'attending an educational institution' (29%) and 'retired/voluntarily inactive' (27%). Some 6 per cent of males reported 'home duties/childcare' as their main activity (Table 9).

DIAGRAM 6. PERSONS WHO HAD LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, 1988 TO 1994



Source: Table 1

TABLE 1. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, FEBRUARY 1988 TO MARCH 1994  
(Per cent)

	Survey conducted in —						
	February(a)		March				
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
<b>MALES</b>							
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year	14.5	14.2	13.8	13.7	14.2	14.6	14.6
In the labour force at some time during the preceding year	85.5	85.8	86.2	86.3	85.8	85.4	85.4
Time in the labour force (weeks) —							
1 and under 52	15.3	16.7	17.8	16.4	15.9	15.8	16.6
52	70.2	69.1	68.5	69.8	69.9	69.7	68.8
Worked at some time during the preceding year	81.5	81.9	83.2	82.0	79.6	78.6	79.1
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked —							
All full-time	73.0	72.5	72.1	70.1	66.8	64.8	64.9
More full-time than part-time	2.8	3.2	3.6	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.6
More part-time than full-time	0.9	0.9	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.6
All part-time	4.8	5.3	5.9	6.3	7.1	7.6	8.1
Number of employers/businesses during the preceding year —							
One	66.1	65.3	69.4	71.1	71.0	69.5	68.7
Two	11.3	12.2	10.1	8.1	6.4	6.8	7.8
Three	2.4	2.5	2.4	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.7
Four or more	1.7	1.9	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.8
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year	14.6	14.5	13.0	16.3	18.4	19.9	18.8
Number of spells of looking for work —							
One	11.7	11.7	10.1	12.9	14.8	15.1	14.5
Two	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.9
Three	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9
Four or more	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year	37.0	34.8	32.9	32.7	33.0	33.0	31.9
In the labour force at some time during the preceding year	63.0	65.2	67.1	67.3	67.0	67.0	68.1
Time in the labour force (weeks) —							
1 and under 52	23.3	24.5	26.1	25.1	23.1	23.4	24.7
52	39.8	40.7	41.1	42.2	43.9	43.5	43.4
Worked at some time during the preceding year	58.4	60.3	63.3	62.6	60.9	60.4	61.9
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked —							
All full-time	33.6	33.0	33.5	33.4	31.8	30.9	30.8
More full-time than part-time	2.9	3.0	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.8
More part-time than full-time	1.7	1.9	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.6	3.0
All part-time	20.3	22.5	23.0	23.2	23.2	23.4	24.2
Number of employers/businesses during the preceding year —							
One	48.3	48.8	52.7	54.5	54.0	53.5	54.1
Two	7.6	8.7	8.1	6.2	5.2	5.3	5.7
Three	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.5
Four or more	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year	12.5	13.2	11.7	12.9	14.1	14.4	14.4
Number of spells of looking for work —							
One	10.3	10.5	9.3	10.4	11.5	11.3	11.1
Two	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.3
Three	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Four or more	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year	25.7	24.4	23.3	23.1	23.5	23.7	23.3
In the labour force at some time during the preceding year	74.3	75.6	76.7	76.9	76.5	76.3	76.7
Time in the labour force (weeks) —							
1 and under 52	19.2	20.6	21.9	20.8	19.5	19.6	20.6
52	55.0	55.0	54.8	56.1	57.0	56.7	56.1
Worked at some time during the preceding year	70.0	71.2	73.3	72.3	70.3	69.6	70.5
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked —							
All full-time	53.3	52.9	52.9	51.9	49.4	47.9	47.9
More full-time than part-time	2.8	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.2
More part-time than full-time	1.3	1.4	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.3
All part-time	12.5	13.8	14.4	14.6	15.1	15.5	16.2
Number of employers/businesses during the preceding year —							
One	57.2	57.1	61.1	62.8	62.6	61.6	61.4
Two	9.4	10.4	9.1	7.2	5.8	6.1	6.8
Three	2.0	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.6
Four or more	1.3	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year	13.5	13.8	12.4	14.6	16.2	17.1	16.6
Number of spells of looking for work —							
One	11.0	11.1	9.7	11.7	13.2	13.2	12.8
Two	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.6
Three	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8
Four or more	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to March 1990, the scope of the survey included persons aged 70 years and over. To enable time series comparisons, proportions in 1988 and 1989 have been revised to exclude persons aged 70 years and over.

**TABLE 2. ALL PERSONS: WHETHER PARTICIPATED IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, FEBRUARY 1988 TO MARCH 1994**  
(Per cent)

Age group	Survey conducted in —						
	February		March				
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>							
15-19	100.0	*100.0	100.0	100.0	89.0	100.0	100.0
20-24	99.2	98.3	99.1	98.8	99.0	98.4	97.0
25-34	98.7	98.2	99.0	98.8	98.5	98.2	98.2
35-44	97.6	97.7	97.7	97.7	97.9	97.8	97.2
45-54	92.9	93.4	93.8	94.1	94.2	94.5	94.4
55-59	83.3	81.7	81.6	83.2	81.2	80.6	80.6
60-64	54.9	60.2	59.1	61.1	60.7	59.3	60.9
65-69	16.2	17.6	20.0	21.2	23.9	19.3	22.6
Total	87.1	87.3	87.5	87.7	87.9	87.3	87.3
<b>TOTAL MALES</b>							
15-19	70.1	73.9	75.4	72.3	69.3	68.6	70.8
20-24	95.6	96.1	95.8	96.3	95.3	94.3	94.0
25-34	97.3	97.2	97.5	97.7	97.1	96.6	96.6
35-44	96.4	96.7	96.5	96.7	96.5	96.5	95.4
45-54	90.8	92.1	92.4	92.6	92.5	93.0	92.4
55-59	81.2	79.8	80.3	81.1	78.8	78.4	78.7
60-64	54.5	57.7	57.7	58.7	58.6	58.3	58.6
65-69	16.3	17.0	19.2	20.8	22.5	18.6	21.5
Total	85.5	85.8	86.2	86.3	85.8	85.4	85.4
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>							
15-19	59.4	66.3	73.2	79.0	71.6	64.6	75.6
20-24	77.2	74.8	80.2	78.0	77.2	78.0	81.4
25-34	69.6	72.4	75.1	74.1	73.2	72.2	74.6
35-44	73.5	76.2	79.9	77.9	78.6	77.7	77.7
45-54	60.8	62.7	66.5	69.3	69.0	70.7	70.4
55-59	32.8	36.9	39.1	41.0	41.8	43.7	43.1
60-64	13.7	17.4	18.1	18.3	18.6	19.8	21.4
65-69	6.8	7.1	5.2	7.4	5.9	6.8	7.7
Total	59.8	61.7	64.7	64.5	64.3	64.5	65.3
<b>TOTAL FEMALES</b>							
15-19	68.5	73.9	73.4	72.3	69.4	67.9	72.5
20-24	86.4	86.4	86.5	86.4	85.8	85.7	87.7
25-34	73.1	74.6	78.0	77.4	76.6	75.6	77.3
35-44	73.8	76.4	80.5	78.6	79.1	78.6	78.2
45-54	61.8	64.7	66.8	69.6	69.9	71.8	71.6
55-59	35.1	39.4	38.5	42.5	42.5	44.5	44.6
60-64	15.9	19.0	18.7	19.6	19.1	19.8	21.5
65-69	6.6	5.9	5.8	6.9	7.2	6.2	7.7
Total	63.0	65.2	67.1	67.3	67.0	67.0	68.1
<b>PERSONS</b>							
15-19	69.3	73.9	74.4	72.3	69.4	68.3	71.6
20-24	91.0	91.3	91.1	91.4	90.6	90.0	90.9
25-34	85.2	85.9	87.8	87.5	86.8	86.1	86.9
35-44	85.2	86.6	88.5	87.7	87.8	87.5	86.7
45-54	76.6	78.7	79.9	81.4	81.5	82.6	82.2
55-59	58.3	59.9	59.7	62.1	61.0	62.0	62.0
60-64	35.0	38.1	38.1	38.7	39.5	38.7	39.9
65-69	11.1	11.2	12.2	13.6	14.3	12.2	14.4
Total	74.3	75.6	76.7	76.9	76.5	76.3	76.7

TABLE 3. ALL PERSONS: SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1994,  
AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
(Per cent)

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
WORKED AT SOME TIME									
15-19	78.3	55.5	61.1	56.7	56.5	56.6	56.9	56.5	56.7
20-24	89.6	73.7	79.0	85.3	81.1	83.4	85.9	78.8	82.4
25-34	93.7	68.8	80.3	86.4	76.7	82.1	90.8	71.3	80.9
35-44	94.0	72.9	83.3	81.2	70.9	76.0	91.2	72.4	81.7
45-54	90.7	67.3	79.4	74.0	67.7	70.7	87.8	67.4	77.8
55-59	75.7	40.8	59.5	60.7	41.3	49.3	73.1	40.9	57.3
60-64	52.8	21.1	37.8	38.6	19.7	27.3	50.0	20.7	35.3
65-69	21.1	7.6	15.0	15.8	7.7	10.3	20.1	7.6	13.6
Total	83.1	61.1	72.0	73.1	63.2	68.2	79.1	61.9	70.5
LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME									
15-19	62.5	53.2	55.5	30.1	31.7	30.9	30.4	32.3	31.4
20-24	33.8	22.8	26.6	30.8	27.9	29.5	31.2	26.4	28.8
25-34	18.7	12.7	15.5	25.9	19.5	23.1	21.6	14.8	18.2
35-44	14.2	11.4	12.8	21.9	21.4	21.7	15.8	13.6	14.7
45-54	11.5	6.4	9.0	19.2	16.0	17.5	12.9	8.4	10.7
55-59	11.4	4.3	8.1	15.2	12.2	13.4	12.1	6.3	9.2
60-64	13.1	*0.7	7.2	12.7	*2.2	6.4	13.0	1.2	7.0
65-69	1.9	*0.1	1.1	*3.0	*0.6	*1.4	2.1	*0.3	1.2
Total	14.0	9.6	11.8	26.0	22.1	24.1	18.8	14.4	16.6
IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME									
15-19	100.0	75.6	81.6	70.5	72.4	71.4	70.8	72.5	71.6
20-24	97.0	81.4	86.7	93.4	90.4	92.1	94.0	87.7	90.9
25-34	98.2	74.6	85.5	94.2	83.4	89.4	96.6	77.3	86.9
35-44	97.2	77.7	87.4	88.9	80.0	84.4	95.4	78.2	86.7
45-54	94.4	70.4	82.9	83.2	76.1	79.4	92.4	71.6	82.2
55-59	80.6	43.1	63.2	69.4	49.3	57.6	78.7	44.6	62.0
60-64	60.9	21.4	42.2	49.3	21.7	32.8	58.6	21.5	39.9
65-69	22.6	7.7	15.8	17.1	7.8	10.8	21.5	7.7	14.4
Total	87.3	65.3	76.1	82.5	72.6	77.7	85.4	68.1	76.7
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME									
15-19	*30.4	63.5	55.3	71.5	75.8	73.6	71.1	75.4	73.2
20-24	19.5	48.4	38.6	30.5	37.4	33.6	28.9	40.7	34.7
25-34	14.6	55.1	36.4	21.7	38.7	29.2	17.4	50.0	33.9
35-44	14.4	50.2	32.4	24.2	42.5	33.4	16.5	48.5	32.6
45-54	16.4	49.4	32.2	29.5	41.1	35.7	18.7	47.7	32.9
55-59	32.3	71.1	50.3	44.8	64.1	56.1	34.4	69.3	51.5
60-64	53.4	85.9	68.8	60.4	86.8	76.2	54.8	86.2	70.6
65-69	87.0	95.0	90.6	90.5	95.7	94.0	87.7	95.3	91.6
Total	24.7	57.7	41.4	41.1	54.8	47.8	31.2	56.6	43.9

**TABLE 4. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1994  
AND MARITAL STATUS  
(<sup>'000</sup>)**

	<i>Married</i>			<i>Not-married</i>			<i>Total</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Not in the labour force at any time during the year	472.1	1,321.9	1,794.0	427.5	643.1	1,070.6	899.6	1,965.0	2,864.6
In the labour force at some time during the year	3,245.0	2,482.7	5,727.7	2,021.5	1,705.9	3,727.5	5,266.5	4,188.6	9,455.1
<i>Time in the labour force (weeks) —</i>									
1 and under 4	13.7	55.5	69.3	48.2	55.1	103.2	61.9	110.6	172.5
4 and under 13	28.3	119.4	147.7	109.2	129.0	238.2	137.5	248.4	385.9
13 and under 26	38.5	106.8	145.3	90.5	111.8	202.2	128.9	218.6	347.6
26 and under 39	53.2	156.6	209.8	81.0	96.4	177.4	134.2	253.0	387.2
39 and under 52	313.2	434.6	747.7	249.4	252.1	501.5	562.5	686.7	1,249.2
52	2,798.1	1,609.8	4,407.9	1,443.4	1,061.6	2,504.9	4,241.5	2,671.3	6,912.8
Worked at some time during the year	3,089.5	2,323.5	5,413.0	1,789.7	1,483.9	3,273.6	4,879.2	3,807.4	8,686.6
<i>Time worked (weeks) —</i>									
1 and under 4	19.4	44.7	64.2	50.7	47.7	98.4	70.1	92.4	162.5
4 and under 13	63.6	110.1	173.8	136.2	113.2	249.4	199.9	223.3	423.2
13 and under 26	81.9	112.3	194.2	115.7	112.9	228.7	197.6	225.2	422.9
26 and under 39	131.7	170.0	301.7	138.6	115.9	254.6	270.3	286.0	556.2
39 and under 52	394.7	433.4	828.1	289.6	277.6	567.2	684.3	711.0	1,395.3
52	2,398.2	1,453.0	3,851.1	1,058.8	816.5	1,875.3	3,457.0	2,269.5	5,726.5
<i>Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked —</i>									
All full-time	2,719.2	1,103.1	3,822.3	1,282.3	792.0	2,074.3	4,001.4	1,895.2	5,896.6
More full-time than part-time	164.2	133.4	297.6	116.6	103.5	220.0	280.8	236.8	517.6
More part-time than full-time	42.0	113.5	155.5	55.7	70.1	125.7	97.6	183.6	281.2
All part-time	164.2	973.5	1,137.7	335.2	518.3	853.5	499.3	1,491.8	1,991.1
<i>Whether worked with current employer/business for one year or more —</i>									
One employer/business during the year	2,769.9	2,121.4	4,891.3	1,467.6	1,209.3	2,676.9	4,237.5	3,330.7	7,568.2
With current employer/business for one year or more	2,536.3	1,785.8	4,322.1	1,129.9	904.6	2,034.5	3,666.2	2,690.5	6,356.7
With current employer/business for less than one year	233.6	335.6	569.2	337.7	304.7	642.3	571.3	640.2	1,211.5
More than one employer/business during the year	319.6	202.1	521.7	322.1	274.6	596.7	641.7	476.7	1,118.4
Two	252.4	158.3	410.7	230.2	194.4	424.6	482.6	352.7	835.3
Three	47.9	33.5	81.4	59.9	56.2	116.2	107.8	89.8	197.6
Four or more	19.2	10.3	29.6	32.0	24.0	56.0	51.2	34.3	85.5
Looked for work at some time during the year	520.7	365.3	886.0	635.7	519.6	1,155.2	1,156.4	884.9	2,041.2
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks) —</i>									
1 and under 4	50.1	57.6	107.7	73.9	81.7	155.7	124.0	139.4	263.4
4 and under 13	122.3	108.0	230.3	153.7	147.9	301.6	276.0	255.9	531.9
13 and under 26	91.7	57.4	149.1	115.2	95.2	210.4	206.8	152.6	359.4
26 and under 39	80.3	52.8	133.0	99.1	69.0	168.1	179.3	121.8	301.1
39 and under 52	67.8	36.0	103.8	77.0	55.0	132.1	144.8	91.1	235.9
52	108.6	53.5	162.1	116.8	70.6	187.4	225.3	124.1	349.4
<i>Number of spells of looking for work —</i>									
One	401.4	277.1	678.5	490.3	404.9	895.1	891.7	682.0	1,573.7
Two	50.7	30.7	81.4	64.7	47.0	111.7	115.4	77.7	193.1
Three	23.3	18.7	42.1	29.9	26.2	56.1	53.2	44.9	98.1
Four or more	45.3	38.8	84.0	50.8	41.5	92.3	96.1	80.3	176.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,717.1</b>	<b>3,804.6</b>	<b>7,521.7</b>	<b>2,449.0</b>	<b>2,349.0</b>	<b>4,798.1</b>	<b>6,166.1</b>	<b>6,153.6</b>	<b>12,319.7</b>

**TABLE 5. ALL PERSONS: TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1994,  
MARITAL STATUS AND AGE**  
(\*000)

Time in the labour force during the year (weeks)	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	
MARRIED MALES									
Nil	*0.0	*3.2	14.6	28.4	49.7	61.5	111.7	202.9	472.1
1 and under 4	*0.0	*0.2	*2.0	*1.5	*1.5	*3.3	*3.1	*2.2	13.7
4 and under 13	*0.4	*1.3	*3.9	7.0	4.7	*3.1	4.9	*3.1	28.3
13 and under 26	*0.1	*2.3	6.4	5.7	8.1	4.0	5.5	6.5	38.5
26 and under 39	*0.0	*2.2	10.9	11.0	8.9	7.4	9.1	*3.6	53.2
39 and under 52	*1.3	12.0	82.1	94.5	72.4	22.8	18.4	9.7	313.2
52	4.3	86.9	701.4	883.9	740.3	214.1	133.1	34.2	2,798.1
Total	6.2	107.9	821.1	1,032.0	885.6	316.2	285.9	262.2	3,717.1
ALL MALES									
Nil	186.0	42.9	46.1	60.3	81.0	81.0	147.6	254.6	899.6
1 and under 4	33.4	7.3	5.2	*3.2	*2.7	4.1	*3.6	*2.4	61.9
4 and under 13	74.4	20.5	11.6	10.0	6.4	4.8	5.0	4.7	137.5
13 and under 26	51.7	24.3	15.4	9.2	10.4	5.4	5.7	6.7	128.9
26 and under 39	34.4	21.7	26.6	17.0	11.6	8.6	9.8	4.6	134.2
39 and under 52	72.9	88.4	133.2	118.0	88.1	26.8	23.8	11.3	562.5
52	183.7	505.5	1,127.9	1,102.1	871.5	249.5	161.2	40.1	4,241.5
Total	636.4	710.6	1,366.1	1,319.8	1,071.7	380.2	356.7	324.5	6,166.1
MARRIED FEMALES									
Nil	4.6	39.1	244.5	233.9	241.7	156.0	202.2	200.0	1,321.9
1 and under 4	*0.5	*3.9	20.1	18.4	7.3	*2.7	*2.1	*0.5	55.5
4 and under 13	*3.3	10.1	47.8	34.7	16.0	4.2	*2.0	*1.2	119.4
13 and under 26	*1.5	10.4	38.3	32.7	15.2	4.8	*3.1	*0.8	106.8
26 and under 39	*0.4	12.0	59.8	47.7	25.1	7.5	4.0	*0.2	156.6
39 and under 52	*1.7	26.4	119.7	158.0	98.5	19.6	7.7	*3.0	434.6
52	6.9	108.7	432.3	521.6	413.8	79.3	36.3	10.8	1,609.8
Total	18.9	210.6	962.5	1,046.9	817.6	274.2	257.3	216.6	3,804.6
ALL FEMALES									
Nil	167.7	86.1	316.3	292.3	293.2	202.3	284.3	322.7	1,965.0
1 and under 4	36.0	11.4	24.2	21.8	9.6	4.0	*2.6	*1.0	110.6
4 and under 13	74.7	35.5	62.9	43.9	19.9	6.0	*3.5	*2.0	248.4
13 and under 26	55.1	32.3	56.1	44.2	18.2	6.9	4.6	*1.3	218.6
26 and under 39	40.6	33.1	72.0	60.4	30.9	9.7	4.9	*1.4	253.0
39 and under 52	85.6	86.8	165.6	186.5	120.7	24.4	12.1	4.8	686.7
52	149.7	415.7	697.0	689.2	541.0	112.1	50.2	16.5	2,671.3
Total	609.4	701.0	1,394.2	1,338.3	1,033.4	365.5	362.2	349.7	6,153.6
PERSONS									
Nil	353.7	129.1	362.4	352.6	374.2	283.4	431.9	577.3	2,864.6
1 and under 4	69.4	18.7	29.4	25.0	12.3	8.1	6.2	*3.4	172.5
4 and under 13	149.1	56.1	74.5	53.9	26.3	10.9	8.5	6.7	385.9
13 and under 26	106.7	56.6	71.5	53.4	28.6	12.4	10.3	8.0	347.6
26 and under 39	75.0	54.8	98.6	77.4	42.5	18.2	14.7	6.0	387.2
39 and under 52	158.6	175.2	298.9	304.5	208.8	51.2	35.8	16.1	1,249.2
52	333.4	921.1	1,824.9	1,791.3	1,412.5	361.6	211.3	56.6	6,912.8
Total	1,245.9	1,411.6	2,760.3	2,658.1	2,105.2	745.7	718.8	674.2	12,319.7

**TABLE 6. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1994:  
SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
(Per cent)**

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<b>WORKED AT SOME TIME</b>									
15-19	78.3	73.3	74.8	80.4	78.1	79.3	80.4	77.9	79.2
20-24	92.3	90.4	91.1	91.3	89.7	90.6	91.5	89.9	90.7
25-34	95.4	92.2	93.9	91.7	92.1	91.9	94.0	92.2	93.2
35-44	96.6	93.8	95.4	91.3	88.6	90.0	95.5	92.7	94.2
45-54	96.1	95.5	95.8	89.0	89.0	89.0	95.0	94.1	94.6
55-59	93.9	94.6	94.1	87.5	83.8	85.6	93.0	91.6	92.5
60-64	86.7	98.7	89.6	78.3	91.1	83.3	85.3	96.5	88.4
65-69	93.5	98.7	94.6	92.7	98.6	95.6	93.4	98.7	94.8
Total	95.2	93.6	94.5	88.5	87.0	87.8	92.6	90.9	91.9
<b>LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME</b>									
15-19	62.5	70.3	68.0	42.7	43.8	43.2	43.0	44.6	43.8
20-24	34.9	28.0	30.6	32.9	30.9	32.0	33.2	30.1	31.7
25-34	19.1	17.0	18.1	27.5	23.4	25.8	22.3	19.1	20.9
35-44	14.6	14.6	14.6	24.6	26.8	25.7	16.6	17.4	16.9
45-54	12.2	9.0	10.9	23.1	21.1	22.0	13.9	11.7	13.0
55-59	14.2	10.0	12.9	21.9	24.8	23.3	15.3	14.1	14.9
60-64	21.5	*3.4	17.1	25.7	*10.1	19.6	22.2	5.4	17.6
65-69	8.4	*1.3	6.8	*17.4	*8.2	*12.9	9.7	*4.0	8.1
Total	16.0	14.7	15.5	31.4	30.5	31.0	22.0	21.1	21.6
<b>NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME</b>									
15-19	*30.4	51.7	45.3	59.6	66.6	63.0	59.2	66.1	62.6
20-24	17.1	36.6	29.2	25.6	30.8	27.9	24.3	32.4	28.2
25-34	13.0	39.8	25.6	16.9	26.4	20.8	14.6	35.3	23.9
35-44	11.9	35.8	22.6	14.7	28.1	21.1	12.5	34.1	22.3
45-54	11.4	28.1	18.2	15.3	22.6	19.1	12.0	26.9	18.4
55-59	16.0	32.9	21.3	20.4	27.0	23.7	16.6	31.3	21.8
60-64	23.6	34.1	26.1	19.6	39.2	27.3	22.9	35.6	26.3
65-69	42.4	34.8	40.7	44.5	45.1	44.8	42.7	38.8	41.6
Total	13.8	35.2	23.0	28.6	37.8	32.8	19.5	36.2	26.9



**TABLE 7. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1994: TIME WORKED, FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS OF WEEKS WORKED AND MARITAL STATUS ('000)**

Time worked during the year (weeks)	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<b>TIME WORKED WAS ALL FULL-TIME</b>									
1 and under 4	9.9	11.6	21.5	18.9	12.9	31.7	28.8	24.5	53.3
4 and under 13	37.6	31.9	69.5	63.8	35.1	98.9	101.4	67.0	168.4
13 and under 26	50.7	30.5	81.2	53.1	30.1	83.2	103.8	60.6	164.4
26 and under 39	87.9	49.8	137.7	73.8	36.2	110.0	161.7	86.1	247.8
39 and under 52	276.1	115.1	391.2	149.4	77.1	226.5	425.5	192.2	617.7
52	2,256.9	864.2	3,121.2	923.3	600.6	1,523.9	3,180.2	1,464.9	4,645.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,719.2</b>	<b>1,103.1</b>	<b>3,822.3</b>	<b>1,282.3</b>	<b>792.0</b>	<b>2,074.3</b>	<b>4,001.4</b>	<b>1,895.2</b>	<b>5,896.6</b>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS MORE FULL-TIME THAN PART-TIME</b>									
1 and under 4	*0.0	*0.1	*0.1	*0.7	*0.3	*1.1	*0.7	*0.5	*1.2
4 and under 13	*3.4	4.5	8.0	9.5	7.0	16.6	13.0	11.6	24.5
13 and under 26	10.5	8.7	19.1	12.6	11.6	24.2	23.1	20.3	43.4
26 and under 39	17.6	16.0	33.7	16.7	10.1	26.8	34.3	26.1	60.5
39 and under 52	67.2	37.0	104.2	38.5	33.3	71.9	105.7	70.3	176.0
52	65.5	67.0	132.5	38.5	41.0	79.5	103.9	108.0	212.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>164.2</b>	<b>133.4</b>	<b>297.6</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>220.0</b>	<b>280.8</b>	<b>236.8</b>	<b>517.6</b>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS MORE PART-TIME THAN FULL-TIME</b>									
1 and under 4	*0.4	*0.3	*0.7	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.4	*0.3	*0.7
4 and under 13	*0.8	*2.9	*3.7	*3.4	4.7	8.1	4.2	7.6	11.8
13 and under 26	4.6	7.2	11.8	6.4	5.4	11.8	11.0	12.6	23.7
26 and under 39	6.3	8.9	15.2	9.6	9.3	18.9	15.9	18.2	34.2
39 and under 52	17.0	30.7	47.7	18.9	23.7	42.5	35.9	54.3	90.2
52	12.8	63.6	76.4	17.3	27.0	44.3	30.1	90.6	120.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>155.5</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>125.7</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>183.6</b>	<b>281.2</b>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS ALL PART-TIME</b>									
1 and under 4	9.1	32.7	41.8	31.1	34.5	65.6	40.2	67.2	107.4
4 and under 13	21.8	70.9	92.6	59.4	66.4	125.8	81.2	137.2	218.5
13 and under 26	16.1	65.9	82.0	43.6	65.8	109.4	59.7	131.7	191.5
26 and under 39	19.8	95.2	115.0	38.6	60.3	98.8	58.4	155.5	213.9
39 and under 52	34.3	250.7	285.0	82.8	143.5	226.2	117.1	394.2	511.3
52	63.0	458.1	521.1	79.7	147.9	227.6	142.7	606.0	748.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>164.2</b>	<b>973.5</b>	<b>1,137.7</b>	<b>335.2</b>	<b>518.3</b>	<b>853.5</b>	<b>499.3</b>	<b>1,491.8</b>	<b>1,991.1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>									
1 and under 4	19.4	44.7	64.2	50.7	47.7	98.4	70.1	92.4	162.5
4 and under 13	63.6	110.1	173.8	136.2	113.2	249.4	199.9	223.3	423.2
13 and under 26	81.9	112.3	194.2	115.7	112.9	228.7	197.6	225.2	422.9
26 and under 39	131.7	170.0	301.7	138.6	115.9	254.6	270.3	286.0	556.2
39 and under 52	394.7	433.4	828.1	289.6	277.6	567.2	684.3	711.0	1,395.3
52	2,398.2	1,453.0	3,851.1	1,058.8	816.5	1,875.3	3,457.0	2,269.5	5,726.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,089.5</b>	<b>2,323.5</b>	<b>5,413.0</b>	<b>1,789.7</b>	<b>1,483.9</b>	<b>3,273.6</b>	<b>4,879.2</b>	<b>3,807.4</b>	<b>8,686.6</b>

**TABLE 8. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1994:  
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND AGE**

Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)	Age group							Total(a)
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	
ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK								
	— '000 —							
1 and under 4	62.4	47.6	54.1	36.8	20.0	5.9	*2.2	230.2
4 and under 13	96.5	77.8	94.8	67.9	38.8	7.1	*1.5	385.2
13 and under 26	59.5	50.7	61.4	45.6	23.0	6.7	*3.6	251.7
26 and under 39	31.3	39.0	49.3	41.2	18.9	5.8	5.3	192.4
39 and under 52	25.3	36.7	37.6	32.1	17.2	7.2	7.5	164.8
52	36.0	59.7	85.2	66.1	58.0	20.3	23.1	349.4
Total	311.0	311.6	382.4	289.7	176.0	53.0	43.1	1,573.7
Males	153.3	166.6	224.5	157.4	107.1	36.2	40.3	891.7
Females	157.6	145.0	157.9	132.3	68.9	16.8	*2.7	682.0
	— weeks —							
Average duration(b)	18.5	23.8	24.8	25.9	28.9	33.0	41.6	24.8
Median duration(b)	12	18	20	22	26	44	52	20
TWO SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK								
	— '000 —							
1 and under 4	6.8	*2.5	5.0	4.7	*1.7	*0.8	*0.0	21.8
4 and under 13	11.8	12.5	11.7	10.4	4.2	*0.1	*1.0	51.7
13 and under 26	5.7	12.1	10.6	6.1	*3.5	*0.8	*0.6	39.4
26 and under 39	5.2	11.2	10.0	9.7	*2.3	*0.7	*0.2	39.4
39 and under 52	9.5	9.2	9.2	6.5	*3.4	*1.8	*1.2	40.8
52	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
Total	39.1	47.5	46.5	37.4	15.1	4.3	*2.9	193.1
Males	19.0	28.2	31.7	20.6	10.5	*3.0	*2.2	115.4
Females	20.1	19.3	14.8	16.8	4.7	*1.2	*0.7	77.7
	— weeks —							
Average duration(b)	20.4	22.1	21.9	21.3	21.4	27.7	*25.5	21.7
Median duration(b)	14	20	21	20	19	27	16	20
THREE OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK								
	— '000 —							
1 and under 4	*2.5	*1.3	*2.1	*3.0	*2.2	*0.0	*0.3	11.4
4 and under 13	14.6	14.4	27.2	22.8	11.3	*3.6	*0.7	95.0
13 and under 26	11.4	13.6	16.2	15.4	6.9	4.0	*0.4	68.3
26 and under 39	8.3	12.4	19.0	16.3	8.2	*2.6	*2.6	69.4
39 and under 52	*3.7	6.2	7.6	6.1	4.7	*1.4	*0.6	30.3
52	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
Total	40.6	47.9	72.2	63.6	33.3	11.6	4.6	274.5
Males	21.3	27.1	38.7	31.1	20.2	6.6	*3.9	149.3
Females	19.4	20.8	33.4	32.4	13.2	5.0	*0.7	125.2
	— weeks —							
Average duration(b)	17.9	21.4	19.7	19.3	20.7	20.4	25.1	19.9
Median duration(b)	15	20	17	16	20	20	26	17
TOTAL								
	— '000 —							
1 and under 4	71.7	51.4	61.2	44.5	23.9	6.7	*2.6	263.4
4 and under 13	122.9	104.8	133.7	101.0	54.3	10.8	*3.1	531.9
13 and under 26	76.7	76.4	88.2	67.1	33.5	11.5	4.6	359.4
26 and under 39	44.9	62.7	78.4	67.2	29.4	9.1	8.0	301.1
39 and under 52	38.6	52.2	54.4	44.7	25.3	10.4	9.2	235.9
52	36.0	59.7	85.2	66.1	58.0	20.3	23.1	349.4
Total	390.7	407.1	501.1	390.6	224.5	68.9	50.5	2,041.2
Males	193.6	222.0	294.9	209.1	137.7	45.8	46.4	1,156.4
Females	197.1	185.1	206.1	181.5	86.7	23.0	4.2	884.9
	— weeks —							
Average duration(b)	18.7	23.4	23.8	24.4	27.2	30.6	39.2	23.8
Median duration(b)	13	19	20	21	26	30	49	19

(a) Includes persons aged 65-69. (b) Duration of total weeks spent looking for work during the year.

**TABLE 9. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1994:  
MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE  
(’000)**

Main activity when not in the labour force	Time not in the labour force during the year (weeks)						Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52	52	
MALES							
Retired or voluntarily inactive	16.0	30.4	18.9	18.8	24.9	406.6	515.6
Home duties/childcare	13.6	19.2	8.5	11.0	11.2	44.5	108.1
Attended an educational institution	11.4	41.7	37.4	77.2	155.5	238.1	561.3
Unpaid leave	57.0	34.7	4.6	*1.5	*0.3	*0.0	98.2
Own illness, injury/disability	23.9	24.7	16.4	13.9	14.0	180.1	273.1
Looking after ill/disabled person	*1.6	*2.1	*1.4	*2.2	*1.0	8.9	17.2
Travelled, moved house, holiday	128.6	98.0	18.1	10.5	6.7	*3.6	265.4
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	*2.2	*1.6	*2.5	*2.0	*2.2	9.8	20.3
Other	16.5	18.3	8.7	7.6	6.4	8.0	65.4
Total	270.8	270.8	116.7	144.7	222.1	899.6	1,924.6
FEMALES							
Retired or voluntarily inactive	7.9	10.0	7.6	5.1	8.0	230.5	269.1
Home duties/childcare	39.9	152.9	124.0	139.7	211.6	1,401.7	2,069.7
Attended an educational institution	18.4	51.1	43.3	80.0	153.0	212.8	558.7
Unpaid leave	43.7	36.6	6.7	*3.2	*2.3	*0.2	92.8
Own illness, injury/disability	24.5	21.8	10.7	6.5	5.2	65.2	133.9
Looking after ill/disabled person	*3.5	5.4	*1.9	*2.0	*3.2	20.4	36.3
Travelled, moved house, holiday	106.0	111.7	18.4	7.0	8.6	*3.3	254.9
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	*1.1	*2.9	*2.1	*1.7	*2.6	26.7	37.2
Other	6.5	8.1	*3.5	4.7	*2.5	4.4	29.6
Total	251.6	400.5	218.2	250.0	397.0	1,965.0	3,482.3
PERSONS							
Retired or voluntarily inactive	24.0	40.4	26.6	23.9	32.9	637.0	784.7
Home duties/childcare	53.5	172.2	132.5	150.7	222.8	1,446.2	2,177.8
Attended an educational institution	29.8	92.8	80.8	157.2	308.5	450.9	1,120.0
Unpaid leave	100.7	71.3	11.3	4.8	*2.6	*0.2	191.0
Own illness, injury/disability	48.4	46.6	27.1	20.4	19.3	245.3	407.1
Looking after ill/disabled person	5.1	7.5	*3.3	4.2	4.2	29.3	53.5
Travelled, moved house, holiday	234.7	209.6	36.5	17.5	15.2	6.8	520.3
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	*3.3	4.6	4.6	*3.8	4.8	36.5	57.5
Other	23.0	26.4	12.1	12.3	8.8	12.4	95.0
Total	522.4	671.3	334.8	394.7	619.1	2,864.6	5,406.9

TABLE 10. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, MARCH 1994  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Population 1:</i> All persons (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils)	4,178.1	3,128.2	2,181.3	1,007.5	1,175.0	323.1	115.1	211.5	12,319.7
<i>Population 2:</i> Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1994	3,149.4	2,398.6	1,695.3	775.5	925.8	241.4	89.9	179.2	9,455.1
<i>Population 3:</i> Persons who worked at some time during the year ending March 1994	2,885.2	2,176.2	1,575.7	706.3	869.5	220.3	85.7	167.6	8,686.6
<i>Population 4:</i> Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending March 1994	656.7	535.6	387.8	165.5	185.5	54.7	21.8	33.7	2,041.2
<i>Population 5:</i> Persons not in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1994	1,830.3	1,342.4	986.6	442.5	514.3	150.3	53.9	86.7	5,406.9

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

The monthly population survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly labour force survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the March 1994 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Those respondents to the labour force survey who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked the length of time they worked or looked for work, the number of spells during which they looked for work and other aspects of labour force experience for the 52 weeks up to the end of the week before the interview.

### Scope

3. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the labour force survey (described in full in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it was restricted to persons aged 15 to 69. Visitors to private dwellings, students who were boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc. have also been excluded.

4. In the tables, 'All Persons' refers to all persons within the scope of the survey.

### Coverage

5. In the population survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. See *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for more details.

### Definitions

6. Definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

7. Labour force experience characteristics relate to the 52 weeks up to the end of the week before the interview. Unless otherwise stated, all other characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the week before the interview.

### Results of the survey

8. The estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in March 1994. Because of emigration, deaths, etc., not all persons with labour force experience during the period were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

9. The March 1994 survey included a question to identify persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. A separate publication linking this data with main Labour Force Survey items and Labour Force Experience items is scheduled for release late in 1994. For more information, please contact Ms Jenny Poulton on (06) 252 6504.

10. Results of similar surveys, conducted in February 1969, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, annually from February 1979 to February 1989 and annually since March 1990, have been given in previous issues of this publication.

11. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in February 1995, and at two yearly intervals thereafter.

### Unpublished statistics

12. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to the Labour Force Inquiries contact given on page 24 of this publication.

### Comparability of series

13. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a whole year which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining the labour force status of persons in the monthly survey depend on a detailed set of questions asked about a person's labour force activity during the reference week. For the survey of labour force experience, a person is assigned to a labour force category on the basis of a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the terms *worked* and *looked for work* are used in this survey rather than the precisely defined terms *employed* and *unemployed* used in the monthly labour force survey.

### Discontinuities in the series

14. All surveys prior to March 1990 were run in February. Therefore, the estimates for surveys since March 1990 are not strictly comparable with those obtained from pre-March 1990 surveys. The scope of surveys run prior to March 1990 included persons aged 15 and over. From March 1990 the surveys have been restricted to exclude all persons aged 70 and over (see paragraph 3). Historical estimates contained in this publication for the years 1988 and 1989 have been revised to enable comparisons of estimates with the surveys conducted since March 1990.

### Changes in families classifications

15. The *Relationship in household* classification has been introduced to align with recently established ABS standards. Most categories in the new classification remain comparable with categories in the previous classification, *Family Status*. The cases in which there are breaks in comparability are discussed in the following paragraphs.

(a) *Lone parents* (previously referred to as *Sole parents*) now includes parents with non-dependent children (provided those children are without a spouse or children of their own).

(b) *Dependent students* (previously *Full-time students aged 15-24*) now comprise sons or daughters (of a couple or a lone parent) aged 15 to 19 attending

school or aged 15 to 24 attending a tertiary educational institution full time. Other related full-time students, who were also previously classified as *Full-time students aged 15-24* are now included in *Other family persons*.

(c) *Other family persons* now comprises the previous groups:

- Other family head (excluding those now counted as *Lone parents*)
- Other related full-time students (previously classified as *Full-time students aged 15-24*) and;
- Other relative of married couple or family head.

For further details refer to *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

#### Sample size

16. In previous years this supplementary survey has been conducted on either 50 per cent or 75 per cent of the dwellings selected in the Labour Force Survey. Since March 1990 this has been expanded to the full sample size. As a result the standard errors for this survey differ from those applicable to previous surveys.

#### Estimation procedure

17. The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age, sex and labour force status, rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

#### Reliability of the estimates

18. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For more information refer to the Technical Notes, Page 17.

#### Related publications

19. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) — issued monthly

*Labour Mobility, Australia* (6209.0) — issued two-yearly

*Career Experience* (6254.0) — to be issued three-yearly. First issue February 1993

*Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (6220.0) — issued annually

*Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia*, (6222.0) — issued annually

*Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia*, (6245.0) — issued two-yearly

*Persons who have Left the Labour Force, Australia*, (6267.0) — issued irregularly

*Persons who had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia*, (6264.0) — issued irregularly

*Information Paper: Measuring Employment and Unemployment* (6279.0).

20. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products*, (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes, Page 17.

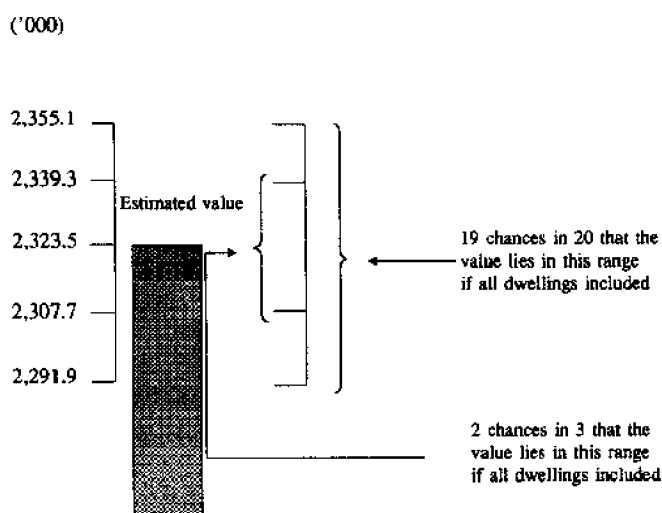
21. Because estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from those that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

2. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these numbers will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

3. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 4 shows the estimated number of married females who worked at some time during the year ending March 1994 was 2,323,500. Since this estimate is between 2,000,000 and 5,000,000, the table below shows the standard error for Australia will be between 15,200 and 21,000 and can be approximated by interpolation as 15,800 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 2,307,700 to 2,339,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 2,291,900 and 2,355,100. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



4. As can be seen from the standard error table, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In this publication, only estimates with relative standard errors less than 25 per cent are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger relative standard errors have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. \*3.4) to indicate they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

5. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. A formula to approximate the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

$$RSE (x/y) = \sqrt{[RSE (x)]^2 + [RSE (y)]^2}$$

6. Considering the example from paragraph 3 above, these females as a proportion of all married females (3,804,600) is 61 per cent. The standard error for 3,804,600 is approximately 18,700 so the relative standard error is 0.5 per cent. The relative standard error for 2,323,500 is 0.7 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is  $\sqrt{(0.7)^2 + (0.5)^2}$  or 0.85 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (61 per cent) of 0.3 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of married females who worked at some time during the year is between 60.7 per cent and 61.3 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 60.4 per cent to 61.6 per cent.

7. Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE (x-y) = \sqrt{[SE (x)]^2 + [SE (y)]^2}$$

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or subpopulations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

8. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this

kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sam-

pling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

### STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia	
									—number—	Relative standard error (per cent)
100				120		90	100	80	130	125.4
200		230	210	180	200	130	140	120	190	94.9
300	320	290	260	220	250	160	170	140	240	80.2
400	370	340	300	260	280	190	190	160	280	71.0
500	420	380	340	290	310	210	210	180	320	64.5
600	460	420	370	310	340	230	230	190	360	59.6
700	500	450	400	340	370	240	250	210	390	55.7
800	530	490	430	360	400	260	260	220	420	52.5
900	560	520	460	380	420	280	280	230	450	49.8
1,000	590	540	480	400	440	290	290	240	480	47.5
1,100	620	570	510	420	460	300	300	250	500	45.5
1,200	650	600	530	440	480	310	310	260	520	43.7
1,300	680	620	550	460	500	330	330	270	550	42.2
1,400	700	640	570	470	510	340	340	280	570	40.8
1,500	720	670	590	490	530	350	350	290	590	39.5
1,600	750	690	610	500	550	360	360	300	610	38.3
1,700	770	710	630	520	560	370	370	310	630	37.3
1,800	790	730	640	530	580	380	380	320	650	36.3
1,900	810	750	660	540	590	390	390	320	670	35.4
2,000	830	770	680	560	610	400	400	330	690	34.6
2,100	850	790	690	570	620	400	400	340	710	33.8
2,300	890	820	720	590	650	420	420	350	740	32.4
2,400	910	840	740	610	660	430	430	360	760	31.7
2,500	930	860	750	620	670	440	440	360	780	31.1
3,000	1,000	940	820	670	730	470	480	390	860	28.5
3,500	1,100	1,000	880	720	780	500	510	420	930	26.5
4,000	1,150	1,100	940	770	830	530	540	440	990	24.9
4,500	1,250	1,150	990	810	880	550	570	460	1,050	23.5
5,000	1,300	1,200	1,050	850	920	580	600	490	1,100	22.3
6,000	1,400	1,300	1,150	920	1,000	620	650	520	1,200	20.4
8,000	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,050	1,150	690	750	590	1,400	17.7
10,000	1,750	1,650	1,400	1,150	1,250	750	830	640	1,600	15.8
20,000	2,400	2,250	1,950	1,550	1,650	960	1,150	840	2,200	11.0
30,000	2,850	2,700	2,300	1,800	1,950	1,100	1,400	990	2,650	8.9
40,000	3,250	3,000	2,600	2,050	2,200	1,200	1,600	1,100	3,050	7.6
50,000	3,550	3,300	2,850	2,250	2,450	1,250	1,750	1,200	3,400	6.8
100,000	4,750	4,400	3,750	2,900	3,200	1,550	2,450	1,550	4,600	4.6
200,000	6,200	5,800	4,950	3,750	4,150	1,800	3,400	1,950	6,200	3.1
300,000	7,300	6,700	5,800	4,350	4,850	1,950		2,250	7,300	2.4
400,000	8,100	7,500	6,400	4,800	5,400	2,100			8,200	2.1
500,000	8,800	8,100	7,000	5,200	5,800	2,200			9,000	1.8
1,000,000	11,300	10,400	8,900	6,600	7,400				11,800	1.2
2,000,000	14,300	13,100	11,300	8,200	9,400				15,200	0.8
5,000,000	19,300	17,600	15,300						21,000	0.4
10,000,000	23,900								26,500	0.3
20,000,000									32,900	0.2



## GLOSSARY

*All persons:* civilian population aged 15-69 years. See paragraph 3 of Explanatory Notes, page 15, for details of exclusions.

*Average duration of time spent looking for work:* obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been looking for work by the number of persons in that group.

*Family:* Two or more related persons (*relationship* includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption) usually resident in the same household at the time of the survey. A family comprises a married couple or a family head as defined, together with any persons having any of the following relationships to them:

- (a) sons or daughters of any age, if not married and with no children of their own present;
- (b) other relatives if not accompanied by a spouse, sons or daughters, or parents of their own; or
- (c) any children under 15 years of age who do not have a parent present.

*In the labour force:* during any week of the reference period, persons who were reported as having either worked or looked for work were classified as in the labour force for that week.

*In the labour force at some time (per cent):* for a particular group, persons in the labour force at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

*Looked for work:* persons who were reported as being out of work and looking for work.

*Looked for work at some time (per cent):* for a particular group, persons who looked for work at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

*Median duration of time spent looking for work:* the duration which divides persons who looked for work into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose time spent looking for work during the year is above the median, and the other, persons whose time spent looking for work is below it.

*Multiple jobholders:* all persons who had more than one job in the week before the interview. Persons who had more than one job solely by reason of changing jobs were not counted as multiple jobholders.

*Not in the labour force:* during any week of the reference period, persons who reported as having neither worked nor looked for work were classified as not in the labour force for that week.

*Not in the labour force at some time (per cent):* for a particular group, persons not in the labour force at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

*Number of employers/businesses during the year:* excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

*Number of spells of looking for work during the year:* the number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons were reported as having been out of work and looking for a job.

*Reference period:* the 52 weeks up to the end of the week prior to interview. See also paragraph 13 of the Explanatory Notes, page 15.

*Time in the labour force during the year:* the total number of weeks persons were reported as having either worked or looked for work.

*Time not in the labour force during the year:* the total number of weeks persons were reported as having neither worked nor looked for work.

*Time spent looking for work during the year:* the total number of weeks persons were reported as being out of work and looking for a job.

*Time worked during the year:* the total number of weeks persons were reported as having either worked or been on paid leave. Periods of one week or more on strike or time off without pay are not classified as time worked.

*Time worked full-time during the year:* the total number of weeks persons were reported as having worked other than part-time.

*Time worked part-time during the year:* the total number of weeks persons were reported as having worked part-time.

*Worked:* persons who were reported as having either worked or been on paid leave.

*Worked at some time (per cent):* for a particular group, persons who worked at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

## SPECIAL DATA SERVICES

### DATA ITEMS AND HOW TO ORDER SPECIAL TABLES FROM THIS SURVEY

The ABS offers a range of unpublished data from this survey upon request. When ordering special tables from this survey, please ensure you identify the **population(s)** and the **data item(s)** which you require.

This section specifies the data items, categories and populations which relate to the survey and includes an order form for special tables. More detailed breakdowns of some data items are available on request.

The population(s) for a particular data item refers to the persons in the survey to whom the data item relates.

Refer to the glossaries in this publication and in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for definitions of data items.

### POPULATIONS

**POPULATION 1:** All persons aged 15 to 69 (excluding institutionalised persons and boarding school pupils)

**POPULATION 2:** Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1994

**POPULATION 3:** Persons who worked at some time during the year ending March 1994

**POPULATION 4:** Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending March 1994

**POPULATION 5:** Persons not in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1994

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
<b>1 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>5 MARITAL STATUS</b>	<b>ALL</b>
New South Wales		Married	
Victoria		Not-married	
Queensland			
South Australia		<b>6A RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (1)</b>	<b>ALL</b>
Western Australia		Member of a family	
Tasmania		Husband or wife	
Northern Territory		With dependants	
Australian Capital Territory		Without dependants	
		Lone parent	
<b>2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE</b>	<b>ALL</b>	Without dependants	
Metropolitan		Dependent student	
Non-metropolitan		Non dependent child	
		Other family person	
<b>3 REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE</b>	<b>ALL</b>	Non family member	
Standard labour force dissemination regions		Lone person	
		Not living alone	
<b>4 SEX</b>	<b>ALL</b>	Family status not determined	
Males			
Females			

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
<b>6B RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (2)</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>9 LABOUR FORCE STATUS AT MARCH 1994</b>	<b>ALL</b>
Member of a family		In the labour force	
Husband or wife		Working	
With children under 15		Looking for work	
Without children under 15		Not in the labour force	
Lone parent		<b>10 STATUS OF WORKER AT MARCH 1994</b>	<b>ALL</b>
With children under 15		Working	
With dependent students but without children under 15		Employer	
Without dependants		Self-employed	
Dependent student		Wage or salary earner	
Non dependent child		Unpaid family helper	
Other family person		Payment in kind	
Non family member		Not working	
Lone person		<b>11 FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS IN ALL JOBS AT MARCH 1994</b>	<b>ALL</b>
Not living alone		Working	
Family status not determined		Full-time	
<b>7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL</b>	<b>ALL</b>	Part-time	
Born in Australia		Not determined	
Born outside Australia		Not working	
Arrived before 1961		<b>12 TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR</b>	<b>ALL</b>
Arrived 1961 — 1970		Nil weeks	
Arrived 1971 — 1980		In the labour force at some time	
Arrived 1981 — 1990		1 and under 4 weeks	
Arrived 1991 to survey date		4 and under 13 weeks	
<b>7B BIRTHPLACE (1)</b>	<b>ALL</b>	13 and under 26 weeks	
Born in Australia		26 and under 39 weeks	
Born outside Australia		39 and under 52 weeks	
Born in main English speaking countries(a)		52 weeks	
Born in other countries		<b>13 TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR</b>	<b>ALL</b>
(a) Comprises UK, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand.		Nil weeks	
<b>7C BIRTHPLACE (2)</b>	<b>ALL</b>	Worked at some time	
Born in Australia		1 and under 4 weeks	
Born outside Australia		4 and under 13 weeks	
Oceania		13 and under 26 weeks	
New Zealand		26 and under 39 weeks	
Europe and the former USSR		39 and under 52 weeks	
Germany		52 weeks	
Greece		<b>14 TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR</b>	<b>ALL</b>
Italy		Nil weeks	
Netherlands		Not in the labour force at some time	
UK and Ireland		1 and under 4 weeks	
Former Yugoslav Republics		4 and under 13 weeks	
The Middle East and North Africa		13 and under 26 weeks	
Lebanon		26 and under 39 weeks	
Southeast Asia		39 and under 52 weeks	
Malaysia		52 weeks	
Philippines		<b>15 NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS/BUSINESSES DURING THE YEAR</b>	<b>ALL</b>
Viet Nam		None	
Northeast Asia		One	
China		Two	
The Americas		Three	
Other		Four or more	
India			
<b>8 AGE (Single years collected)</b>	<b>ALL</b>		
15-19			
20-24			
25-34			
35-44			
45-54			
55-59			
60-64			
65-69			

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
16 <b>FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS OF WEEKS WORKED</b>	ALL	22 <b>WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR</b>	ALL
Worked at some time		Looked for work at some time	
All full-time		For whole year	
More full-time than part-time		For part of year	
More part-time than full-time		Did not look for work at any time	
All part-time			
Did not work at any time			
17 <b>TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR</b>	ALL	23 <b>WHETHER WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR</b>	ALL
Nil weeks		Worked at some time	
Looked for work at some time		For whole year	
1 and under 4 weeks		For part of year	
4 and under 13 weeks		Did not work at any time	
13 and under 26 weeks			
26 and under 39 weeks			
39 and under 52 weeks			
52 weeks			
18 <b>NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR</b>	4	24 <b>TIME WORKED PART-TIME DURING THE YEAR</b>	ALL
One		Nil weeks	
Two		Worked part-time at some time	
Three		1 and under 4 weeks	
Four or more		4 and under 13 weeks	
		13 and under 26 weeks	
		26 and under 39 weeks	
		39 and under 52 weeks	
		52 weeks	
19 <b>MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE</b>	5	25 <b>TIME WORKED FULL-TIME DURING THE YEAR</b>	ALL
Retired or voluntarily inactive		Nil weeks	
Home duties or childcare		Worked full-time at some time	
Attended an educational institution		1 and under 4 weeks	
Unpaid leave		4 and under 13 weeks	
Own illness or injury		13 and under 26 weeks	
Own disability or handicap		26 and under 39 weeks	
Looking after ill or disabled person		39 and under 52 weeks	
Travelled, moved house, holiday		52 weeks	
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job			
Other			
20 <b>WHETHER CEASED A JOB DURING THE YEAR</b>	ALL	26 <b>WHETHER WORKED WITH CURRENT EMPLOYER FOR ONE YEAR OR MORE</b>	ALL
Worked at some time		Worked at some time during the year	
Ceased a job		One employer during the year	
Did not cease a job		With current employer for one year or more	
Did not work at any time		Had unpaid absence from work during the year	
		Did not have unpaid absence from work during the year	
		With current employer for less than one year	
		More than one employer during the year	
		Did not work at any time	
21 <b>WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR</b>	ALL		
In the labour force			
For whole year			
For part of year			
Not in the labour force at any time			

## SPECIAL DATA REQUESTS

### LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, MARCH 1994

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## SPECIAL DATA REQUESTS ORDER FORM

**LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, MARCH 1994**

TABLE NO.	DATA ITEM NO.	TABLE POPULATION	COST (\$)
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   V8 (Age) X

V19 (Whether ceased a job during the year)	ALL	150
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